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1. Prior to 7 January 1953, unit number 1 in the Loewen Kaserne was complete. At 10:30 a.m. on 5 January, about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered red epaulets without branch-of-service insignia arrived for this unit. They were quartered in house No 14. The 200 to 300 soldiers previously quartered there were now quartered in houses Nos 4 through 6. As the new arrivals also included NCOs and sergeants, [] the troops were not recruits. The buildings were occupied as follows: Building No 4, by about 550 soldiers; building No 5, by about 550 soldiers; building No 6, by about 500 soldiers; and building No 34, which is the gymnasium, by about 200 soldiers who wore red-bordered red epaulets without branch-of-service insignia and had arrived on 9 December. These troops were not recruits. Training activity was allegedly conducted inside the gymnasium. At 10 a.m. on 22 December, 12 trucks with 5 AT guns and 4 trucks with mortars and carrying a total of about 155 soldiers went to the training grounds. On 2 January, 12 T-34/85 tanks [] went to the training grounds. [] the final number 1,836 which was presumably the strength of unit number 1.

2. On 3 December 1952, from 650 to 700 soldiers made a run through the woods, coming from the Till-Balenspiegel Siedlung. On 16 December, about 800 troops were seen practicing concertina entanglements, surveying equipment, and battery commander's telescope on the so-called Hakenberg (hill) north of the aforementioned settlement. Several groups of soldiers crawled to the wire entanglements and practiced cutting their way through with wire cutters. Another group of soldiers wearing parkas was also seen. Soldiers in parkas launched a simulated attack against the Hakenberg (hill) at 3:30 p.m. on 18 December. The aggressors were armed with rifles and wooden hand grenades, while the defensive group was in holes surrounded by barbed wire. Machine guns were in some of the holes.¹

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4. After mid-November, sheds were established in the eastern section of the Olympische Dorf, along the south side of the wooden fence. About 150 trucks were observed in these sheds on 14 December. Troops daily practiced driving with 20 to 30 trucks during the period from 7 to 24 December. The previous commandant of the "House of Officers" was transferred to the U.S.S.R. for reassignment. He was succeeded by a senior lieutenant, Captain Bogdanov (fnu), the supply officer in the "House of Officers", was succeeded by Major Mikhaelov (fnu) at the beginning of December. About 600 troops wearing tank, artillery, and motor transport insignia and other soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets arrived at the "House of Officers" at 11 a.m. on 21 December. Some of the soldiers came by truck. They attended a lecture and were subsequently shown a motion picture.

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5. Prior to 29 December, the Olympische Dorf was occupied as follows:

Unit Popov The unit numbered about 400 soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets with crossed silver axes. It was engaged in engineer training in the practice area northeast of the Olympische Dorf. Training included the construction of light bridges and the digging of trenches.

Unit Kavallov The unit numbered about 550 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with branch-of-service insignia as indicated on sketch attached as Annex J. Soldiers of the unit also received instruction on motor vehicles and engaged in driving practice and small arms drill.

except for the arrival of 50 soldiers, the strength of the unit has been the same for more than a year. No soldiers were transferred to, or arrived from, other units.

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A new unit The unit numbered 2,000 to 2,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with gold artillery insignia. For branch-of-service insignia worn by mortar troops and signal troops, see Annex I. The drivers wore the branch-of-service insignia of Unit Kavallov, however in silver instead of gold. The new unit was daily seen engaged in close-order drill and other training activity in the billeting area, organized in small groups. On 27 December, 24 trucks towing AT guns went to the area south of Hamburger Chaussee. Three groups, each consisting of 1 officer and 20 soldiers and 5 light mortars followed the trucks.¹

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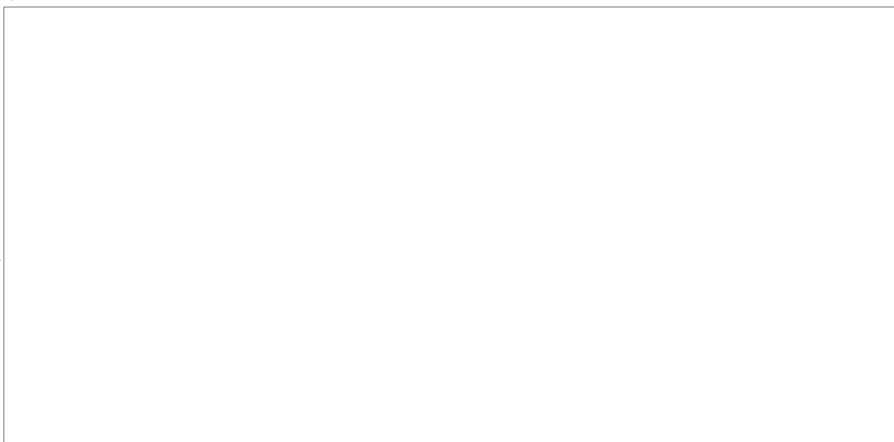
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Captain Bogdanov (fnu), deputy chief of the administrative staff in House Hindenburg was transferred to the U.S.S.R. for reassignment. His successor was [redacted] major.¹

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6. The following shipments [redacted] at the Dallgow railroad station:

3 December. 6 carloads of trees, about 7 to 8 meters long, from Dossow,

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6 December 1 carload of tree trunks from Fretzdorf, bound to Unit [redacted] and 10 boxcarloads of food ration supply from Fuerstenberg on the Havel River, bound to Unit [redacted]

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8 December 2 flatcarloads and 1 boxcarload with equipment from Fuerstenwalde, [redacted] observed 2 x 120-mm mortars and 1 x 57-mm model 1943 AT gun.

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9 December 1 boxcarload of military goods from Alt-Luedersdorf, bound to Unit [redacted] and 2 boxcarloads with unidentified goods from Strausberg, bound to Unit [redacted]

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11 December 4 boxcarloads with food ration supply from Satz Korn, bound to Unit [redacted]

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13 December 2 boxcarloads of military goods from Fuerstenwalde, bound to [redacted] The unit was determined in the Olympische Dorf.

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15 December 1 converted boxcar, and 3 boxcars with ammunition from Dannenwalde to the spur track of the ammunition depot, formerly ration supply depot.

17 December 2 boxcarloads with ration supply to Borstel, dispatched by, and consigned to, Unit Mekhalkin. The ration supply was hauled to the station on trucks [redacted]

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19 December Loading of 1 boxcarload of empty ration supply bags for shipment to Fuerstenberg/Havel.

1 boxcarload of empty drums to Luebbenau, and 1 boxcarload of empties to Jueterbog-Altes Lager,

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24 December 3 boxcarloads with food ration supply from Fuerstenberg/Havel, bound to Unit 1 boxcarload of military goods from Alt-Luedersdorf, bound to Unit and 2 boxcarloads of food ration supply from Jueterbog-Altes Lager, bound to Unit

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25 December 1 boxcarload of food ration supply from Jueterbog-Altes Lager, bound to Unit

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26 December 5 boxcarloads of food ration supply from Muellrose, bound to Unit

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6 January 2 carloads of food ration supply from Fuerstenberg/Havel. The supply was received by a sergeant of Unit Kholobokov and hauled away on truck which was driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets.

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Lieutenants Tymokhov (fnu) and Kholobokov (fnu), both of Unit were subordinate to Lieutenant Colonel Postolenkov (fnu) who apparently is supply officer of Unit Postolenkov's deputy was Major Dubinka (fnu). Lieutenant Kholobokov is in charge of the food ration supply and Lieutenant Tymokhov of the materiel.⁴

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7. The special construction bureau No II with the headquarters in Falkensee was responsible for the reconditioning and maintaining of the quarters of Doeberitz-Altes Lager. Each of the 16 units in the Alteslager was allotted 10,000 to 12,000 eastmarks per year for material and up keep. Of these units, the following supply officers, some of whom simultaneously were unit commanders, Captain Vasilyev, Kech officer for Altes Lager and Olympisches Dorf; Lieutenant Colonel Matveyev; Lieutenant Colonel Gladkov, who will be transferred to the U.S.S.R. for reassignment; Lieutenant Gudzeyev; Lieutenant Colonel Konov; Major Ostranien; Major Kusmenko, who was motor transport officer in Altes Lager; Captain Abdrakhimov; one Polichuk; one Zadoroshny and one Zinin, both of the MGB komendatura; Major Dubinka, ammunition officer and unit commander; Major Melnikov, club officer and unit commander, who will be transferred to the U.S.S.R. for reassignment; Captain Permiakov, bakery officer in the Holsten Bakery and unit commander; Major Plusnin, unit commander of the motor transport units at the guardhouse near the North Gate; Yefimenko, armorer-artificer and unit commander; Major Rosgin, unit commander; and Major Grigoryev from the officers' quarters in the hotel (all fnu).

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the following supply officers members of units in the Olympische Dorf: Lieutenant Colonel Bochkov, in

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Rank-of-Service Insignia in Doehritz, Olympicisches Dorf

Unit Navallev



A golden insignia representing a steering wheel with steering pillar and a small wheel each on either side of the pillar in a wreath of laurel leaves

New Unit



a. Mortar troops
A silver insignia representing two crossed, three-pointed bars in a wreath of laurel leaves



b. Signal troops
A silver insignia representing two crossed lightnings in a wreath of laurel leaves